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SUBJECT: EXPLOSION WRECKS POLICE ARSENAL IN BANGKOK

REF: BANGKOK 4661

1. A SERIES OF PRE-DAWN EXPLOSIONS RIPPED THROUGH AN ARSENAL AT THE POLICE QUARTERMASTER'S HEADQUARTERS IN BANGKOK FEB 21. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS ACCIDENTAL. THAI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE EXPLOSION JOLTED THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARSENAL. SOME EYEWITNESSES WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THE EXPLOSION WAS SO LOUD THAT THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ANOTHER COUP D'ETAT.

2. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS ACCIDENTAL. INITIAL FEARS THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS AN ACT OF SABOTAGE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY PREDICTIONS FROM SEVERAL LOCAL ASTROLOGERS THAT FEB 21 WOULD BE A DAY OF TURMOIL AND BLOODSHED (REFTEL).
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